



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

It has been about two weeks since we completed our last round of testing for coronavirus. As you are aware, we had both members and staff test positive. Last week I reported that recovery was underway. Today, I am pleased to be able to report that there are ***ZERO members who are currently quarantined for COVID-19***. I am so proud of the way our staff have stepped up and rose to this new challenge. Of course, coronavirus cases in the state and nation continue to rise. As such, we will initiate another round of universal testing on September 8, 2020.

I would also like to share that we are beginning the transition from paper-based communications to digital communications. **I encourage you to visit www.WisVetsEmail.com and provide us with your name, email address, and/or cell phone number.** This will allow us to send future updates such as these to you via email or text. Initially, this will not replace paper communications, but we want to be able to provide these updates to you as quickly as possible. We will eventually be transitioning away from paper communications. In the meantime, as a reminder, these updates are available on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

Finally, with the long holiday weekend upon us, I would like to remind you of how important it is to protect yourself and your community from coronavirus. Please, stay at home as much as possible and avoid gatherings. The best way we can do our part is through social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing.

I realize that as these months go on, and with the beautiful weather, it becomes tempting to let your guard down. But we need to keep up our good, safe practices to help keep one another healthy. Our Home is a small community and like a large family. We must all work together to prevent the spread of this terrible virus in our other communities to keep it out of our Home.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Diane Lynch, Homes Division Administrator